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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PGOV, PP

SUBJ: BOUGAINVILLE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT DISPUTE

1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 25 REPORTS MINISTER DEFENCE, FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE KIKI WILL HEAD GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO BOUGAINVILLE ON JULY 26 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON (1) FINANCIAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR BPG WORKS PROGRAM AND (2) LONG TERM RELATIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVTS.

2. FINANCE MINISTER CHAN AND JUSTICE AND PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OLEWALE WILL ACCOMPANY KIKI BUT HEALTH MINISTER MOLA, AND MINES MINISTER LAPUN, BOUGAINVILLIANS WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED SOMARE, WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN TEAM. PRESS NOTES THAT COMPOSITION OF TEAM MEETS BPG DEMAND THAT LAPUN AND MOLA BE EXCLUDED, BUT DOES NOT BOW TO DEMAND THAT SOMARE BE PRESENT TOO.

3. SOMARE IN ANNOUNCING THE COMPOSITION OF TEAM STATED SUCH A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION OF SENIOR CABINET MINISTERS REFLECTED IMPORTANCE PNG GOVT ATTACHED TO BOUGAINVILLE ISSUE.

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4. COMMENT: AUSTRALIAN OFFICE REP RECENTLY INFORMED  
POLOFF THAT PNG GOVT BELIEVES BPG WILL REJECT ANY OFFER  
MADE BY CENTRAL GOVT AT THIS TIME, AND CONSEQUENTLY,  
PNG GOVT WILL OFFER ONLY A\$1.6 MILLION FOR THE BPG WORKS  
BUDGET (IN CONTRAST TO BPG DEMANDS FOR OVER A\$5 MILLION)  
AND LITTLE IN WAY OF CONCESSIONS IN REGARD TO PROVINCIAL  
GOVT POWERS. IF BPG IS MODERATE IN DISCUSSIONS, AND IS WILLING  
TO DOWNPLAY SECESSIONIST DEMANDS, PNG GOVT WOULD BE WILLING  
PROVIDE OVER A\$4 MILLION ADDITIONAL UNTIED GRANTS, WHICH WOULD  
SUBSTANTIALLY MEET THE BPG DEMAND FOR MORE THAN A\$5 MILLION.  
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